

State of Utah DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES Division of Oil, Gas & Mining

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Inspection Report

Supervisor Dan

Minerals Regulatory Program
Date of Report: May 8, 2007

Mine Name: Eagle Canyon
Operator Name: Georgia Pacific
Inspection Date: April 11, 2007
Time: 1:00-1:30 PM

Inspector(s): Paul Baker

Other Participants: Met Paul Collins, but he did not participate in the inspection. Another person,

the equipment operator, was also at the site.

Mine Status: Active Weather: Mostly cloudy, 40s

Elements of Inspection	Evaluated	Comment	Enforcement
1. Permits, Revisions, Transfer, Bonds			
2. Public Safety (shafts, adits, trash, signs, highwalls)			
3. Protection of Drainages / Erosion Control			
4. Deleterious Material			
5. Roads (maintenance, surfacing, dust control, safety)			
6. Concurrent Reclamation	\boxtimes		
7. Backfilling/Grading (trenches, pits, roads, highwalls, shafts, drill holes)			
8. Water Impoundments			
9. Soils	\boxtimes	\boxtimes	
10. Revegetation		\boxtimes	
11. Air Quality			
12. Other			

Purpose of Inspection:

This was a routine inspection.

Inspection Summary:

6. Concurrent Reclamation

It looked like the operator might have done some reclamation grading on the west side of the mine, but I wasn't sure (Photo 1).

9. Soils

The mine area has been expanded by a few thousand square feet on the west side. I could not tell that any soil was salvaged in this area.

Existing soil stockpiles are signed and appear to be intact.

10. Revegetation

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There are a few areas that had not been disturbed in a few years where a good stand of Gardner saltbush had become established, and some of these areas have been re-disturbed.

12. Other

Equipment on site included two dozers, a loader, a drill, a fuel tank in a watering trough, and a storage trailer.

During the inspection, the operator was pushing gypsum into a stockpile, probably in preparation for loading. Since the last inspection, gypsum has been mined from certain areas, and some of these have been regraded as stated above.

Conclusions and Recommendations:

If the operator is doing any reclamation work, even if it is interim, I suggest that the Division and the BLM be contact for suggestions. Certain techniques, such as leaving the surface rough with a lot of rocks, have worked very well at this site and at the nearby Diamond K Mine. There is an area toward the north side of the mine where it appears test plots were installed several years ago. I do not know the details of how this was done, but revegetation in this area has been very successful. As revegetation is done, the operator should use some of the techniques that were used at these plots.

The operator needs to be sure to salvage topsoil in any areas where the disturbed area is expanded. The existing stockpiles need to be maintained, and while signs are not required for the stockpiles, it is good to have them so these piles are not disturbed.

Inspector's Signature

Date:

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Georgia Pacific

Rebecca Doolittle, Price BLM

Attachment: Photos

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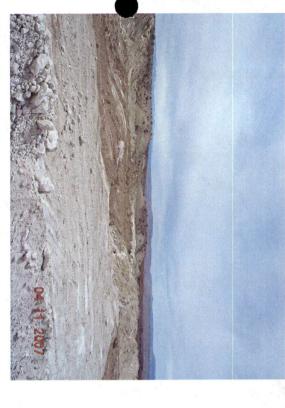


Photo 1. It appeared the operator might have done some grading for concurrent reclamation in this area.

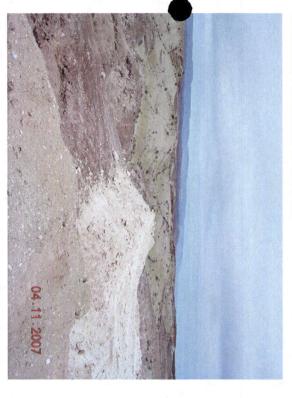


Photo 2. The disturbed area was expanded slightly in this area.



Photo 3. Part of the area where the operator was mining during the inspection.



Photo 4. Dozer pushing gypsum into a stockpile.